

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A communication system, said communication system comprising:

an inter-device linking system;

a first device which can be linked to said inter-device system, wherein said first device comprises: a first user agent which is capable of: receiving information, and determining whether to present said information on another device in said communication system, and a linking agent which is capable of: sending to said inter-device linking system a request for presentation of said information on another device in said network when said user agent determines to present said information on another device in said network;

an wherein said inter-device linking system linked to said first device, said inter-device linking system operating is capable of operating to:

detect that information cannot be presented on said first device;

determine whether a second device capable of presenting said information is linked to said inter-device linking system; and

send a request for presentation of said information to said second device when said determining determines that said second device is linked to said inter-device linking system; and

wherein said second device is capable of presenting said information.

2. (Original) A communication system as recited in claim 1, wherein said inter-device linking system further operates to:

queue a request for presentation of said information when said determining determines that said second device which is capable of presenting said information is not linked to said inter-device linking system; and

sending said queued request to said second device when said second device becomes linked to said inter-device linking system.

3. (Original) A communication system as recited in claim 1, wherein said inter-device linking system comprises an inter-device linking server and two or more inter-device linking clients.

4. (Original) A communication system as recited in claim 3, wherein at least one portion of said inter-device linking clients is implemented in a device operating in said communication system.

5. (Original) A communication system as recited in claim 3, wherein at least one of said two or more inter-device linking clients comprises a user agent and a linking agent.

6 - 7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) A communication system as recited in claim ~~[[7]]~~ 1,

~~wherein a first linking agent is associated with said first device, and~~

wherein said first linking agent operates to send said inter-device linking server at least one presence notification, said at least one presence notification notifying said inter-device linking server of the presence of said first device in said communication system.

9. (Currently Amended) A communication system as recited in claim ~~[[7]]~~ 8,

wherein said first linking agent operates to periodically send said presence notification, and

wherein said presence notification comprises a field that identifies the capabilities of said first device; and

~~wherein said first linking agent operates to send said inter-device linking server a request for presentation of information when said first user agent operating on said first device detects that information cannot be displayed on said first device.~~

10. (Currently Amended) A communication system as recited in claim ~~[[7]]~~ 9,

wherein said ~~computing~~ communication system further comprises a database, and

wherein said inter-device linking server operates to store said at least one presence notification in said database.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) A communication system as recited in claim ~~[[11]]~~ 10,

wherein a second linking agent is associated with said second device, and

wherein said linking agent receives a forwarded request for presentation of information from said inter-device linking server.

13. (Original) A communication system as recited in claim 12, wherein said second linking agent initiates launch of an application that is suitable for presentation of said information.

14. (Original) A communication system as recited in claim 13, wherein said second linking agent operates to retrieve a reference to information that is to be displayed and provides said reference to said application.

15. (Original) A communication system as recited in claim 14, wherein said information is multimedia information associated with a hypertext link.

16. (Currently Amended) A method for presenting information on devices operating in a communication system, said method comprising:

receiving by a first device in said communication system information;

detecting, by said first device, whether to present said ~~that~~ ~~information cannot be presented on a first~~ another ~~device operating in said communication system;~~

sending, by said first device, a request for presentation of said information when said detecting detects ~~that~~ to present ~~information cannot be presented on said first~~ another ~~device;~~

determining whether to present said information ~~can be presented by on~~ a second device operating in said communication system when said request is received; and

forwarding ~~said~~ a request for presentation of said information to said second device when said determining determines to present ~~that~~ said information on ~~can be presented by~~ said second device.

17. (Currently Amended) A method as recited in claim 16, wherein said method further comprises:

determining whether said second device is currently linked to said communication system;

queuing said request for presentation of information when said determining determines that said second device is not currently linked to said communication system ~~information cannot be presented by said second device;~~ and

forwarding said queued request to said second device when said determining determines that said second device is currently linked to said communication system ~~it is determined that said information can be presented by said second device.~~

18. (Original) A method as recited in claim 16, wherein said method further comprises:

periodically sending presence notifications, said presence notifications being associated with devices operating in said communication system, and

wherein said presence notifications describe the capabilities of their associated devices with respect to presentation of information on said associated devices.

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently Amended) A method as recited in claim 18 [[19]], further comprising:

~~wherein said determining of whether said information can be presented by a second device is performed by a second software module,~~

~~wherein said second software module operates to searching~~ a database in order to determine whether a presence notification associated with said second device has been received; and

wherein said presence notification is sent by a ~~third~~ software module associated with said second device.

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Currently Amended) A communication system, said communication system comprising:

a first device;

an inter-device linking server;

a first inter-device linking client ~~associated with~~ operating on said first device, said first inter-device linking client operating to: receive information which includes at least one hypermedia link, detect whether to present that information associated with a ~~hypertext~~ said at least one hypermedia link cannot be presented by said first on another device in said communication system, and ~~wherein said first inter-device linking client also operates to send a linking request to said inter-device linking server when said first inter-device linking client determines~~ detects to present that said information cannot be

~~presented by said first~~ associated with said at least one hypermedia link on another device;

wherein said inter-device linking server operates to:

determine whether a second device in said communication system which is capable of presenting said information associated with said at least one hypermedia link is linked to said inter-device linking server when said linking request is received from said first inter-device linking client;

~~wherein said inter-device linking server operates to forward said a request for presentation of said information~~ associated with said at least one hypermedia link to a second inter-device linking client associated with a second device when said inter-device linking server determines that ~~said information can be presented by said second device~~ said second device in said communication system is linked to said inter-device linking server;

~~wherein said inter-device linking server operates to queue said request when said inter-device linking server determines that~~ said second device in said communication system is not linked to said inter-device linking server ~~said information cannot be presented by said second device; and~~

~~wherein said inter-device linking server operates to forward said queued request to said second inter-device linking client when said second device which is capable of presentation of said information becomes linked to said inter-device linking server.~~

23. (Original) A communication system as recited in claim 22,

wherein said communication system further comprises a database;

wherein said first and second inter-device linking clients periodically send presence notifications to said inter-device linking server to notify said inter-device linking server of the presence of said first and second devices in said communication system; said presence notifications respectively describing the capabilities of said first and second devices to present information; and

wherein said inter-device linking server operates to time stamp and store said presence notifications in a presence table in said database.

24. (Original) A communication system as recited in claim 23,

wherein said inter-device linking server performs a search on said presence table in order to determine whether a second device in said communication system which is capable of displaying said information is linked to said inter-device linking server, and

wherein said inter-device linking server stores said request in a request table in said database when said searching of said presence table determines that a second device capable of displaying said information is not linked to said inter-device linking server.

25. (Original) A communication system as recited in claim 24, wherein a request table is created for each inter-device linking client that sends a request to said inter-device linking server.

26. (Original) A communication system as recited in claim 24, wherein said inter-device linking server operates to maintain said presence and request tables.

27-30. (Cancelled)

31. (New) A device which is capable of being linked to a server in a network, wherein said device comprises:

a user agent which is capable of: receiving information, and determining whether to present said information on another device in said network; and

a linking agent which is capable of: sending to said server a request for presentation of said information on another device in said network when said user agent determines to present said information on another device in said network.

32. (New) A device as recited in claim 31, wherein said another device is not identified by said device, and said determining does not determine another device to present said information.

33. (New) A device as recited in claim 31, wherein said another device is identified by said device, and said determining further comprises:

determining a second device in said network to present said information.

34. (New) A device as recited in claim 31, wherein said user agent is further capable of operating to:

receive a request from a user of said device, wherein said request requests that said information be displayed on another device in said communication network.

35. (New) A device as recited in claim 31, wherein said user agent is further capable of operating to:

automatically determine, based on content of said information, whether to request to display said information on said device.

36. (New) A device as recited in claim 31, wherein said user agent is further capable of operating to:

automatically determine whether said information includes content which is not presentable or preferably not presentable on said device.

37. (New) A server which is capable of being linked to a plurality of devices in a network, wherein said server is further capable of:

receiving a request from a first device in said network, wherein said request requests that information, which has been received by said first device, be presented on another device in said network;

determining whether a second device which is capable of presenting said information is currently linked to said network; and

sending a request to said second device to present said information when said determining determines that said second device is currently linked to said network.

38. (New) A server as recited in claim 37, wherein said server is further capable of:

determining whether said second device is capable of presenting said information; and

selecting said second device to present said information when said determining determines that said device is capable of presenting said information.

39. (New) A server as recited in claim 37, wherein said device also operates to send the server a reference to said information.